

NO LIVES LOST IN BURNING STEAMER CITY OF HONOLULU

Burning Ship Was Abandoned 1,405 Miles East of Honolulu and 670 Miles East of San Pedro, Cal.—Fire Spread So Rapidly That All Aboard Took to the Small Boats—Freight Steamer Faralon Picked Up the 72 Passengers and 175 Officers and Members of the Crew.

...advices received by the Federal Telegraph company from the freight carrier, West Farallon.

...West Farallon reached the scene early this afternoon and had taken most of the people aboard by 4.15 p. m. The ship of Honolulu carried 140 passengers and 145 crew and members of the crew, a total of 217.

Fire broke out aboard late 3 p. Honolulu was mortally injured and rapidly sank; all those aboard had to take to small boats. The sea was smooth when

...according to a wireless message from the West Farallon received early tonight by the Honolulu Telegraph company. The ship was expected to reach the West Farallon some time tonight.

**TO SALVAGE THE BURNED
VESSEL CITY OF HONOLULU**

Washington, Oct. 12.—The United States coast guard, at the request of the Honolulu harbor authorities, has dispatched a shipping board, tonight, ordered to board the ship cutters Shawnee and Tamarica, to

The ship was then homeward bound to San Pedro, Calif., from Honolulu, and was 1,400 miles east of Honolulu and 670 miles southwest of San Pedro when the fire started.

Captain H. R. Lester of the City of Honolulu reported late in the afternoon that all were aboard the West Farallon except the crew of the City of Honolulu.

was reported as a gigantic pillar of flame and smoke and was declared by Captain Leary to be critical. The West Paralen may have been overtaken through the fog by other vessels, the Matson liner Enterprise, the army transport Thomas, and the private yacht Casiana, of Edward L. Deheny, Los Angeles oil magnate, who said the ship was near the City of Honolulu before the West Paralen did; the freighter was only 35 miles away when it started to the rescue shortly before noon.

Conditions were favorable both for the small boats of the City of Honolulu to ride safely and for the West Paralen to make easy time, and by 2:45 p. m., the rescuing tugboats had returned to the harbor, beginning to take the passengers aboard. All had reached the deck by 3:40 p. m., messages stated.

Only brief messages had been received from the ship since its last known position.

Aboard U. S. Army Transport Thomas Oct. 12 (By Wire) to the A. P.)—The transport Thomas is proceeding southward at full speed tonight to the scene of the burning steaming City of Honolulu and expects to arrive there at 4 a. m. tomorrow. It will take care to pick up survivors to take care of the passengers and crew of the ill-fated liner.

**SISTER-IN-LAW TESTIFIES
IN GIBBERSON MURDER TRIAL**

Toms River, N. J., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Nellie Bowers, of Trenton, a sister of William Giberson, who was shot to death here last night, August 14, while his wife, Mrs. Mary Giberson, was being held in custody confined today at the trial of her husband's alleged slayer, James Earl Ray, testified today that she saw her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ivy Giberson, charged with the murder of her husband, to a quarrel between the couple over the death of their son, William, who died in 1937.

The West Parolan, a shipping board freighter, has only limited accommodations. It is believed that many of the passengers were held in the hold until larger vessels arrive. The West Parolan was bound from San Francisco for Honolulu for about fifty-six days. The passengers were in the saloon, the other 16 were traveling third class. Thirty-four of the saloon passengers were babies. One baby was traveling third class with a baby girl, 23 months old.

The ship originally was the German passenger liner Friedrich der Grosse, built at Stettin in 1836 and used in trans-Atlantic travel until 1914, when it was sold to the United States harbor. When the United States entered the war the liner was renamed the USS West Parolan, a transport carrying troops to France.

The City of Honolulu's registered tonnage is 10,685, her length 227 feet, beam 32 feet. The United States

"My brother said," she testified, "Was the man going down after I'm going to put him into Danau, however was not cut out."

Livermore stated that Mrs. Gibson told her last April she had obtained his husband back a position with the United States secret service and that from approximately the time of the explosion there was greater part of the night "slutting around the Mount Holly railroad station." She said she did not know how long \$3 an hour from the government to look out for a German spy with a poison gas formula.

Mrs. Gibson, she said, told her that she had obtained the position through the efforts of John Kaugnetum, chief clerk of the U. S. Customs Department at the Lakeshurst Naval Station.

Kaugnetum testified that he had been employed by the U. S. Customs Department and as far as he knew, Gibson never had been employed in the secret service.

The prosecution called several employees of the People's National Bank,

States coast guard steamer Shawnee left here late today to go to the scene of the wreck of the ship and to render whatever assistance they could.

Once again a ship radio operator has lived up to the traditions of his craft. A. A. Bell, radio operator on the U. S. S. Bell, on the burning steamer City of Honolulu sent the following "last" message from the vessel:

"Captain and gang leaving now; goodbye to you all."

Within minutes previously Bell had said that he would board but the captain then changed his mind.

Mr. Giberson's band statements, which Mr. Giberson had signed. While his pink book represented his balance as \$15.00, he said he had only \$12.25 in the bank.

BUSINESS ASSIGNING THY
AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS

Cleveland, Oct. 12.—(By The A. P.)—Drafting of all labor from bankers' meetings and from the American Mining Congress, of the United States and

chief officer, chief engineer and himself had left the boat. Fire then forced Bell, employee of the ship, to flee to the open sea. Bell, employee of the ship, was the only one of America was making his first trip to sea. Arthur A. Isabel, general superintendent of the corporation's Pacific division, told the following story:

"Although this was Bell's first trip 'n our service I am extremely gratified to know that he has upheld the fine traditions of the Corporation men by staying at his post as long as it was humanly possible."

The first U. S. O. S. call was received from the ship of Honolulu at 7:45 A. M. to the effect that the ship had been hit off Los Angeles, and the Thomas immediately started to her rescue.

At 8:20 A. M. further advice came that the ship had been damaged as she was apt to capsize.

Cuba was made ready for the pa-

Mr. Curberton said at 10:58 a. m. the president had signed an order authorizing the collection of a \$100,000 fund for relief of the unemployed under flexible provisions of the tariff law, "shall be filed with or referred to the United States tariff commission. He said that consideration of individual tariff rates, and that the president had conferred with the president.

liner Enterprise, would pick up the survivors and the other that the City of Honolulu was likely to sink at any minute. Captain Walker's message, according to the day to the Federal Telegraph company were extremely brief. His reports were merely that he was proceeding to the rescue and that the sighted small boats and that the passengers were coming aboard and finally that the ship was sinking. These reports consisted of hardly a dozen words.

Captain Lester of the City of Honolulu sent out one message that he and his ship were in the vicinity of the freighter Struthers and Barry, operators of the new tariff act will "lead to greater stability."

**ON TRIAL FOR MURDER
OF WALTER RATHENAU**

Leipzig, Oct. 12 (By the A. P.)—The trial of a dramatic nature today in the court of the accused of the murder of Walter Rathenau, foreign minister, who Ernst Werner Tschow, who has been charged with having fired the bullet which killed Rathenau was announced. Made a full confession in court.

Tschow declared that he had

The vessel said they only had heard reports of an explosion from Captain Walk, to the effect that he had aboard the people who had died from the burning.

The assumption here was that the crew of the West Paragon was so busy with the recovery of the bodies that they assumed that there had been no possibility to dispatch more complete reports of the disaster.

Under duress, as Erwin Kern, who was identified as Italian's assassin, said, who told the police in the turret of Salsburg castle, near Roosen, threatened to shoot him, he said he had to complete the plot. Tchow broke down completely when the presiding judge halted the proceedings and told him to go to the psychiatric court-examination.

A chemical analysis of the bloodstains

**STEAMSHIP IS EXPECTED
TO SINK AT ANY TIME**

San Francisco, Oct. 12 (By the A. P.)—The City of Honolulu is expected to sink at any time, according to a wireless message from the West Paragon, received tonight by the Federal Telegraph company. The boat is gutted, according to the message, but if it is possible to save the hull it will be sent to port. The West Paragon is standing by, expecting to transfer the rescued passengers and crew.

At some days ago and became ill, established the presence of arsenic in

**SELECTMAN KILGORE OF
WINSTED DROPPED IN**

Winsted, Oct. 15.—Walter Kilgore, a selectman of the Town of Canaan, well known in politics in northwest Connecticut, dropped in from his home in New Haven, while attending Riverston fair. Mr. Kilgore leaves